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Three Proposed Initiatives Enter Circulation

1. Marriage. Elimination of Domestic Partnership Rights. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.
2. Invalidation of Domestic Partnerships. Marriage. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.
3. Marriage. Elimination of Domestic Partnership Rights. Initiative Constitutional Amendment.

SACRAMENTO, CA --- Secretary of State Bruce McPherson announced today that the proponents of three new initiatives may begin collecting petition signatures for their measures.

The Attorney General's official titles and summaries are as follows:

MARRIAGE. ELIMINATION OF DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP RIGHTS. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

Amends the California Constitution to provide that only marriage between one man and one woman is valid or recognized in California, whether contracted in this state or elsewhere. Voids or makes unenforceable certain rights and obligations conferred by California law on same-sex and heterosexual couples registered as domestic partners, concerning subject areas including, but not limited to, community property, intestate succession, stepparent adoption, child custody, child support, hospital visitation, health care decisions for an incapacitated partner, insurance benefits, death benefits, and recovery for wrongful death.

Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: Unknown, but probably not significant, fiscal effect on state and local governments. The impact would depend in large part on future court interpretations.

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1162 and the Attorney General's tracking number is SA2005RF0100.

The proponents for this measure, Larry Bowler, Ed Hernandez and Randy Thomasson, must collect 598,105 signatures of registered voters, equal to eight percent of the total votes cast for governor in the 2002 gubernatorial election, in order to qualify. The 150-day deadline to circulate petitions for this measure is April 13, 2006. The initiative proponents can be reached at 916-265-5643.

INVALIDATION OF DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS. MARRIAGE. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

Amends California Constitution to provide that a marriage between a man and a woman is the only legal union that shall be valid or recognized in California. Bars domestic partnerships from being valid or recognized as legal unions in California. Eliminates certain rights and obligations conferred by California law on same-sex and heterosexual couples registered as domestic partners, concerning subject areas including, but not limited to, community property, intestate succession, stepparent adoption, child custody/support, hospital visitation, healthcare decisions for an incapacitated partner, insurance benefits, and recovery for wrongful death.

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Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: Unknown, but probably not significant, fiscal effect on state and local governments. The impact would depend in large part on future court interpretations.

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1163 and the Attorney General's tracking number is SA2005RF0102.

The proponents for this measure, Gail J. Knight, Natalie R. Williams, Mark A. Jansson and Philip W. Kell, must collect 598,105 signatures of registered voters, equal to eight percent of the total votes cast for governor in the 2002 gubernatorial election, in order to qualify. The 150-day deadline to circulate petitions for this measure is April 13, 2006. The initiative proponents can be reached at 916-608-3065.

MARRIAGE. ELIMINATION OF DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP RIGHTS. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

Amends the California Constitution to provide that only marriage between one man and one woman is valid or recognized in California, whether contracted in this state or elsewhere. Voids or makes unenforceable certain rights and obligations conferred by California law on same-sex and heterosexual couples registered as domestic partners, concerning subject areas including, but not limited to, community property, intestate succession, stepparent adoption, child custody, child support, hospital visitation, health care decision for an incapacitated partner, insurance benefits, death benefits, and recovery for wrongful death.

Summary of estimate by Legislative Analyst and Director of Finance of fiscal impact on state and local governments: Unknown, but probably not significant, fiscal effect on state and local governments. The impact would depend in large part on future court interpretations.

The Secretary of State's tracking number for this measure is 1164 and the Attorney General's tracking number is SA2005RF0104.

The proponents for this measure, Larry Bowler, Ed Hernandez and Randy Thomasson, must collect 598,105 signatures of registered voters, equal to eight percent of the total votes cast for governor in the 2002 gubernatorial election, in order to qualify. The 150-day deadline to circulate petitions for this measure is April 13, 2006. The initiative proponents can be reached at 916-265-5643.